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elsewhere," greatly endanger the liberties of the conquered peoples. It also declared against any increase of our standing army beyond 25,000 men.

. . . The Portuguese Peace League founded in May last has issued a protest, its first public act, against the Transvaal War, particularly against the conduct of England which it considers the cause of the conflict. The League, however, pays a strong tribute to the English peace societies and to the large body of Englishmen who did everything in their power to prevent the clash of arms.

. . . The W. C. T. U. of the United States will send two hundred delegates to the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention to be held in Edinburgh next summer.

. . . The executive committee of the International Arbitration and Peace Association, London, has sent a circular to the European and American Peace Societies asking their opinion as to when they think would be an opportune moment for any of the Powers to offer to mediate in order to bring to an end the war in South Africa.

. . . The Society of American Authors has undertaken to secure a reduction of postage on authors' manuscripts. These manuscripts are not in any sense personal correspondence and ought not to have to pay letter postage.

. . . The Women's International Disarmament League of Paris has opened subscriptions for a fund to aid the widows and orphans of Boers slain in the Transvaal War.

. . . A similar fund has also been started by George W. Van Siclen, 141 Broadway, New York City, in response to an urgent appeal sent out by the Africander Bond of Cape Town. He will be glad to receive contributions, large or small, for this worthy object.

. . . The British Friends, foremost in every good work, are raising a Transvaal War Victims' Fund, to be distributed alike to suffering British and Boers, sick or wounded during the campaigns in South Africa. What they did in this way during the terrible scenes of the Franco-German War is one of the most blessed memories of history.

. . . Immigration into the United States from foreign countries the past year has shown large gains, the increase being especially great from Italy, Austro-Hungary and Russia. The increased emmigration from Finland has been caused by the Russianization of that country.

. . . In Munich, Germany, fifty thousand signatures have been obtained to a petition to the chancellor of the empire, expressing approval of the Hague conventions.

. . . Prof. John Bassett Moore, the distinguished authority on international law, in an able article in the current number of the *American Monthly Review of Reviews*, on the Hague arbitration convention, declares that this treaty represents a great advance in the development of international relations, and that the United States ought to be the first to approve and sustain it.

. . . The importation of tropical and sub-tropical products into the United States the past year has been over \$300,000,000 worth, as against \$250,000,000 the year previous.

. . . The recent death of Dorman B. Eaton in New York takes away one of the foremost civil service re-

formers and one of the strongest and most faithful friends of arbitration and peace.

. . . Emperor William has withdrawn the German military attaché from Paris because of insinuations made by Paris newspapers as to the activity of the German military officials in connection with the Dreyfus affair. Some of his military advisers strongly opposed the Emperor's course.

. . . The *North American Review* for December devoted almost half its space to articles on the South African question, by James Bryce, Carl Blind and others. Those studying the subject can find nothing more lucid and impartial.

. . . The death of Mr. Dwight L. Moody, mourned by all Christendom, takes away the foremost evangelist of this half of the century. In his later years he often spoke in great public meetings against international animosities as entirely un-Christian.

The Two Swords.

Luke 22 : 38.

BY CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD.

Two swords enough? The battle is too great.
They come against us with a thousand blades.
Not so, my friends, for still the shout of faith,
A trumpet and an earthen vessel's light
Are stronger than the might of Midian's host.
The harvests of the earth fall to the sword,
But those of heaven are gathered by a word.
Into Love's heart all shafts of death are sped.
The sword is mightiest thus scabbarded.

CATSKILL, N. Y.

Peace.

BY GEORGE D. HERRON.

Thy sword and armor, soul,
This night,
Give to the angel here,
In white.
From blood-red battle call,
Be still:
Swift march the armies of
Love's will,
The captive common life
To free,
And this white angel leave
With thee.

Editorial Correspondence.

Cuba Since the War.

Approaching Cuba for the first time, one's mind is naturally filled with thoughts of Spain's oppression, the long cruelties of the Spanish-Cuban war, the deadly battles of the American army and fleet with the Spanish, the reconcentrado horrors, the filth of the cities, and other distressing things of which the island was so lately the scene. But for most of these things you now look in vain. The Spanish officials and soldiers are gone. Nearly all that is left to remind you of the Cuban army are the rural police in their brown uniforms. Only a